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Conditions Prague normal except for following:

USIA

1. Absence military personnel from streets suggests leaves cancelled.

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2. Scare buying of staples like flour, sugar, salt and cooking oil has resulted in nonavailability latter two items.

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3. Demonstrators seen walking from Mala Strana across Manes Bridge to Law Faculty about 1 p.m. Apparently received pep talk there and then arrived Embassy on two waves beginning 1415. (Reference EMBTEL 235) At peak estimated 2,000 demonstrators filled Trziste to Karmelitska.

Populace appears seriously concerned re possibility war according all reports available Embassy. Heavy and extensive official propaganda against United States appears have had little effect on average Czech who seems feel U.S. has exhibited great restraint in dealing with Cuban problem.

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